(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Overcharging on Dexatopic cream

1444. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has fixed the price of Dexatopic cream;

(b) if so, when and what price was fixed for each pack;

(c) what is the price at which the company is selling each pack of this ointment at present;

(d) whether it is a fact that company is overcharging the prices;

(e) if so, whether his Ministry has taken any action under Essential Commodities Act;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether his Ministry has taken any steps to recover the overcharging; and

(h) if so, the amount overcharged and how much has been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) To the extent information is available, the details of prices approved under DPCO, 1979 are given below:—

Name of the Product	Price Rs.
Dexatopic Cream	
5 gm.	5.15
10 gm.	8.80
15 gm.	12.94

(c) to (h) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Prices of Phosphomin and Phosphomin Iron Tonic

1445. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the prices of Phosphomin and Phosphomin Iron Tonic under DPCO, 1979 as well as under DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, when and what price of each pack of Phosphomin and Phosphomin Iron Tonic was fixed;

(c) what are the pack size of each product being marketed in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that the company is still overcharging the prices of these products;

(e) if so, what is the price being charged for each pack by the company;

(f) whether his Ministry issued any show cause notice for contravening the provisions of price control order, overcharging the prices, marketing without price approval and non-deposit of unintended benefit under DPEA; and

(g) if so, when and what are the contents of notice?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (g) The details of prices fixed under DPCO, 1987 to the extent available are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack Size	Price fixed by Govt. on 22-7-88	Price fixed by Govt. on 9-1-89
			Rs. P.	Rs. P.
1	Phosphomin Elixir	250ml Bottle	10.16	10.72
2	Phosphomin Elixir	500ml Bottle	16.51	17.50
3	Phosphomin Iron Elixir	250ml Bottle	10.84	11.47
4	Phosphomin Iron Elixir	500ml Bottle	17.85	19.00

Rest of the required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Streptomycin

1446. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry increased the price of Streptomycin producted by Synbiotics;

(b) if so, what was the earlier and present price;

(c) whether the price has been fixed for production of particular unit;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any of the producers has filed any writ petition in the High Court;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that price increase has implications on the pending writ;

(h) if so, what steps have been taken to fix responsibility; and

(i) what are the names of producers of Streptomycin and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The price of Streptomycin Sulphate fixed under DPCO, 1987 and its earlier price is given below:

	Earlier Price (Retention & Common Sale Price) Rs./Kg.	Present Price Rs./Kg.
1. M/s. Synbiotices Ltd..	804.79	1049.00
2. M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. . .	1147.00	1147.00
3. M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	1147.00	1147.00
4. M/s. Alembic Chemical Works Ltd.	1147.00	1147.00

(e) and (f) M/s. Synbiotics Ltd. has filed a civil writ petition in the Delhi High Court in 1981 vide C. W. P. No. 200 of 1981. By an order dated 2.2.1981, the Division Branch of the Delhi High Court has granted an interim stay of the demand made on the company towards DPEA necessitated by the difference between the pooled price for Streptomycin and the retention price payable to the company.

(g) and (h) No, Sir.

(i) The details of production of Streptomycin Sulphate to the extent available are given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Production in Tonnes 1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	M/s. Indian Drugs & Pharmaenticals Ltd. . . .	18.20	24.20	32.70
2	M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	82.58	89.25	113.15
3	M/s. Synbiotics Ltd.	87.54	90.43	[illegible]7